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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte MASARU KURAMOTO *et al.*

Appeal No. 2009-13808 & 2009-012063
Application No. 11/521,429 & 10/811,246

ORDER DENYING REQUEST TO RESET HEARING DATE

An oral hearing before a merits panel of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences has been set for July 20, 2010, for 9:00 a.m. The notice setting the hearing was mailed to counsel on June 10, 2010. In a facsimile letter received on July 1, 2010, applicant confirmed the hearing date of July 20th and submitted a paper styled "Request for Modification of Oral Hearing" which is a Request to reschedule the oral hearing. The Request is DENIED.

In the Request for Modification of Oral Hearing Date, Appellant has concerns about Appeal No. 2009-013808 and Appeal No. 2009-012063 both being scheduled for July 20, 2010 at 9:00 AM. Appellant's attorney states, "The hearing date and time of July 20, 2010 at 9:00 AM is in conflict with the (other) Oral Hearing." Cases are heard in succession not concurrently; thus there is not a conflict in scheduling two different cases during a single oral hearing session. The Board strives to be efficient in scheduling oral hearings and finds no conflict between these two cases. For this reason, the request for postponement has been Denied.

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